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EVER ſince we have been a People diſſenting from the *Publick Worſhip* of this Kingdom, we have greatly ſought and deſired to live *Peaceably* in the Exerciſe of our Tender Conſciences towards God and Man: And we can call God Almighty to Witneſs, That ſuch our

our Diſſent from the Practice and Ceremonies of the *Church of England*, has not been (as ſome have judged) the Effects of a ſingular or wilfull Spirit, but our ſincerity to God and true Religion, many People of *England* have good Experience of it. Nevertheleſs, we have been for near Twenty Years laſt paſt ſeverely proſecuted by ſome of the *Clergy*, and by Writs of *Excommunicato Capiendo* thrown into *naſty Goals* and *Holes*, where ſome have loſt their Lives, others have been kept in a Lingring Impriſonment from their Wives and Families, ſome Four, ſome Five, and ſome Six Years, till they have ſpent moſt of what they had, and have had little left to help themſelves and Families; A Puniſhment not much inferior to Death it ſelf! And theſe Troubleſome Suits & Proceedings againſt them, have been chiefly for *Not*

going

going to the Church (ſo called) and *Not paying to the Repair of the ſame*, and ſome for *ſmall Tythes*, to the value of Eighteen Pence, Two Shillings, and ſometimes leſs, as in the Relation following will more particularly appear.

Now we deſire you to judge, whether theſe *cruel* and *uncharitable Proceedings* of theſe *Clergy-men* towards us are conſonant with the practice of the Miniſters of Chriſt in the *primitive Times*, or anſwer that *Meekneſs* and *Chriſtian Spirit* manifeſted by them, in *Inſtructing* thoſe that *Oppoſed*, and not ſeeking to *Deſtroy* and *Ruin* them & their Families, becauſe they could not receive their Doctrine.

And further, We deſire you to conſider, when we are firſt cited to the *Biſhops Courts*, although we do appear and are willing to manifeſt our *Innocency*, yet becauſe we do not *Fee a Proctor*, or *refuſe*

to

to Swear to our Answer, no notice is taken of our *Appearance*, but we are soon after *Excommunicated*, and then thrown into a *Noisom Goal*, and there we must lie *Unbailable* (how long the *Lord God that is Holy and True only knows*) and in the mean time what a *Condition* the *Poor Family* is in at Home, you may well consider. And whether these Actions do not greatly tend to *Grind the Face of the Poor*, which was an *Evil Complained against* by the *Righteous* in all *Ages*, and we hope will be *Considered* and *Redressed* by *You*.

And we Pray, That the Lord may Incline your Hearts with Patience, to Read and Consider the following Accompts, and to Afford the Sufferers some Speedy Relief, *that they and their Families may not be utterly Destroyed.*

Presented

Lords and Commons.

Preſented to you on the Behalf of the Sufferers, by Us,

William Mead
George Whitehead
William Gibſon
Jaſper Batt
John Oſgood
George Watts
Clement Plumſted
Ezekiell Wooley
William Macket
Rawland Vaughan
Richard VVhitpane
William Penn
Thomas Rudyard
Ellis Hookes
William Shewen
James Claypoole
John Dew
James Braines
John Etheridge
John Vaughton
Gilbert Latie.

London, the 15th of the 9th Moneth, 1680.

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Reading Goal, the 26th of the 3d Moneth, 1680.

THomas Davis, George Ball, Richard Nash, Thomas Pretty, Thomas Draper, William Ward and John Wyron, all of New Windsor, Arrested by Walter Cowdry, under Goaler, the 13th of the 11th Moneth, 1675. by Writ of Excommunicato Capiendo, for not going to the Church (so called) and not paying to the Repair of the same, and not receiving the Sacrament, were rated as followeth, viz.

	S.	D.
Thomas Davis	3	0
George Ball	12	3
Richard Nash	0	4
Thomas Pretty	0	3
Thomas Draper	2	7
William Ward	0	4
John Wyron	3	4

All carried Prisoners to Reading Goal, and have remained Prisoners almost Five Years.

Thomas Marsh of Newbery Imprisoned upon a Writ of Excommunicato Capiendo (for not going to the Church (so called) and not receiving the Sacrament) the 10th of the 8th Moneth, 1678. and still remains a Prisoner.

Bedfordshire.

The 1st Moneth, 1678.

I*Ohn Barton of Studam*, in the County of *Hartford*, Taylor, for not paying 2 *s.* 2 *d.* towards the Repair of the Church, so called, was taken by a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, and kept Prisoner for some time in his own House in *Hartfordshire*, and about two Moneths after was by special Bailiffs taken and carried to *Bedford* Goal; *Nathaniel Fisher*, called Church-Warden, being the Prosecutor, and hath remained a Prisoner about Three Years and a half.

Henry Newman of Seawell, in the Parish of *Kingshoughton*, for denying to pay 13 *d.* towards the Repair of the Church (so called) was prosecuted by *William Foster*, Commissary of the Bishops Court, who obtained a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo* against him, and threw him into Goal, where he hath been a Prisoner above two Years and a half.

Bucks.

The 3d Moneth, 1680.

ABout the beginning of the 6th Moneth (call'd *August*) 1678, *John Stratton of Ivingoe*, in the said County, Husbandman (having a Wife and eight Children) was taken Prisoner by a Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, upon

upon the Information and Profecution of *Francis Duncomb*, Prieſt of *Ivingoe*, whoſe Son, *Henry Duncomb* was made Bailiff for that purpoſe, and did take and convey the ſaid *John Stratton* to the common Goal of the ſaid County at *Ailsbury*, where he hath continued Priſoner ever ſince, to the great Diſcomfort of his Family and Damage of his Eſtate. The Cauſe of his Impriſonment, as ſignified in the Writ, is, *For not appearing before the Surogates of the late Biſhop of* Lincoln, *to anſwer his abſenting from the Pariſh-Church* (as they call it) *of* Ivingoe, *and not receiving the Sacrament there.*

Briſtol.

The 17th of the 12th Moneth, 1678.

William Ithell of *Briſtol*, Impriſoned upon a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, at the Suit of the Biſhop of *Briſtol*, for not being Marryed by the Parſon of the Pariſh, Impriſoned the 4th day of the 9th Moneth, 1678.

James Pounſet Impriſoned the 23d day of the 11th Moneth, 1678. by a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, at the ſuit of the ſame Biſhop, for the ſame Cauſe.

Cumberland.

Carliſle, *the 23d of the 12th Moneth,* 1678.

John Jackſon of *Kirklinton* Impriſoned by a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, the 30th day of the 7th Moneth, 1677. at the Suit of *Robert Preiſtman*, for predial Tythes.

Cambridgshire.

The 5th Moneth, 1680.

Thomas Avery of *Great Abington*, Impriſoned in *Cambridge Caſtle*, the 25th of the 11th Moneth, 1678. upon a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, by *John Burgin*, Bailiff, at the Suit of *John Boulton*, Vicar of *Abington*, for Offerings and for Wild Pidgeons, as the Vicar ſays himſelf, and is ſtill kept a cloſe Priſoner, having been a Priſoner a year and a half.

Gabriel Walker of *Swaffham Bulbeck*, Impriſoned in *Cambridge* Caſtle the 2d of the 6th Moneth, 1676. by a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, at the Suit of *Malin Sawerby*, Prieſt of *Swaffham*, for not paying Offerings, and for the Tythes of half a Rode of Saffron Ground. The ſaid *Gabriel* being put into the Dungeon, and there kept in the heat of Summer without Air, and in the cold of Winter without Fire, which endangered his Life, and is kept a cloſe Priſoner to this day, having been a Priſoner Four Years.

Henry Harlow, *Nicholas Froſt*, *Thomas Edmundſon* and *Stephen Sumes* have been all Priſoners in *Cambridge* above Six Years, for not paying 3 *s.* 6 *d.* a piece to the Repair of the Church (ſo called.)

James Howton of *Downham* Impriſon'd in the Iſle of *Ely*, the 8th day of the 2d Moneth, 1676. for not paying 1 *s.* 4 *d.* towards the Repair of the Church (ſo called) proſecuted in the Biſhops Court at *Ely*, and apprehended by a Writ, *de Excommunicato Capiendo*.

Ely,

Ely, *the 22d of the 5th Moneth*, 1680.

Samuel Cater of *Littleport* in the ſaid Iſle of *Ely*, proſecuted in the Biſhops Court of *Ely* for not Conforming, and Excommunicated; and becauſe they could not ſuddainly obtain the Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, his Adverſaries cauſed him to be taken up, and being brought before a Juſtice, he tendred him the Oath of Allegiance, a Snare they well knew never fails to hold a *Quaker*: So to Priſon he was ſent, for refuſing for Conſcience ſake to Swear at all; and brought from one Seſſions to another, and the Oath again tendred to him, till at laſt they brought the Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo* from *London*, and delivered it to the Sheriff, with which he ſtands charged.

Dorſetſhire.

Rebecca Hil of the Pariſh of *Ryme* in the ſaid County, Excommunicated for not paying to the Repair of the Church (ſo called) and Impriſoned upon a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, dated the 13th day of *July*, 1678.

Devon.

Devonshire.

The 7th of the 1ſt Moneth, 1679.

Manaſſes Orchard of *Tiverton* cited to the Biſhops Court at *Exon*, where he appeared; nevertheleſs, he was ſhortly after Excommunicated, and the 7th day of the 11th Moneth, 1678. was caſt into Priſon upon a Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for opening his Shop on the day called *Chriſtmaſs-day*.

Robert Welch Impriſoned upon the ſame Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not paying ſmall Tythes, and hath remained a Priſoner ſeveral Years.

George Croker of *Plymouth*, for not going to the Publick Worſhip, Impriſoned by a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, in the Sheriffs Ward, the 21ſt day of the 6th Moneth, 1677. and is ſtill kept a Priſoner.

Durham.

Roger Hulſon of *Northton*, Impriſoned the 8th day of the 2d Moneth, 1678. by a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, at the Suit of *Thomas Daviſon*, Prieſt of *Northton*, for Eaſter-Reckonings, Reek-Penny and Tythe-Hen.

Eſſex.

Eſſex.

Chelmsford, *the* 2d *of the* 2d *Moneth*, 1679.

Zacheriah Child, *Abraham Bell* & *Mary Bell*, widdow for not paying to the Repair of the Church (ſo called) of *Felſted* in the ſaid County, were, at the Suit of *William Surrey*, Warden, Impriſoned by a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, and ſtill remain Priſoners.

Note, *There were Ten more in this County Priſoners at* Chelmsford, *upon the ſame Writ*, De Excommunicato Capiendo; *but through the Moderation of the Biſhop of* London (*Application being made to him on their behalf*) *they were diſcharged of their Impriſonment.*

Glouceſterſhire.

All impriſon'd on Writs, De Excommunicato capiendo *ſued out by the Chancellor of the Biſhops Court at* Glouceſter, *for not going to the publick Worſhip.*

Matthew Andrews Impriſoned the 16th of the 1ſt Moneth, 1677.

Nathaniel Cripps and *John Maſon* Impriſoned the 4th of the 10th Moneth, 1678.

John Wickham, *John Parker* & *Robert Tilley* Impriſoned the 4th of the 10th Mon. 1678.

Robert Neal and *Nathaniel Ogburn* Impriſoned the 20th of the 8th Moneth, 1678.

Jenkin Hopkin Impriſoned the 6th of the 12th Moneth, 1678.

Hartford-

Hartfordſhire.

The 4th Moneth, 1679.

James Brown, William Bunkee and *Robert Cooper*, all Impriſoned in the County-Goal in *Hartford*, for not going to the publick Worſhip, and ſtill remain Priſoners.

Hampſhire.

William Baldwin of *Porcheſter* in the ſaid County, Impriſoned in the County-Goal at *Wincheſter*, by a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, the 29th day of *June*, 1680. (for not paying Tythes) and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Huntingtonſhire.

The 6th of the 1ſt Moneth, called March, 1678.

George Clapham caſt into Priſon the 7th day of the 12th Moneth, 1676. by a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not going to the Pariſh Church (ſo called) and not receiving the Sacrament, and ſtill continues a Priſoner; proſecuted by Doctor *Pocklington*.

William Poole Impriſoned the 22d day of the 1ſt Moneth, called *March*, 1677. for not going to the Pariſh Church, and not receiving the Sacrament; proſecuted by

by *Duellin Salmon*, Regiſter of the Commiſſary Court of the Biſhop of *Lincoln*.

John Purkis Impriſoned the 22d of the 2d Moneth, called *April*, 1678. by a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for 16 *d.* ſmall Tythes; proſecuted by one *Drury*.

James Paris Impriſoned the 15th of the 5th Moneth, 1678. by a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not going to the Pariſh Church, and not receiving the Sacrament; the Bailiff that ſerved it being implyed by *Duellin Salmon*, Regiſter of the Commiſſary Court aforeſaid.

Roger Chamberlain Impriſoned the 18th of the Moneth called *October*, 1678. upon a VVrit, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not going to Church, and not receiving the Sacrament. The Bailiff that made Service thereof being implyed by *Duellin Salmon* aforeſaid.

Benjamin Bennell Impriſoned the 15th of the 12th Moneth, 1678. by a VVrit, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not going to Church (ſo called) and not receiving the Sacrament. And being a Lame man, that can neither ſtand nor go, he was ordred to be carried on Horſeback, by *Duellin Salmon*, the Bailiff riding behind him.

Nathaniel Comthorne Impriſoned the 21ſt of the 12th Moneth, 1678. by a VVrit, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*; Arreſted by one *William Clay*, at the Suit of *Duellin Salmon* aforeſaid.

Note, *The Cauſe of the aforeſaid Perſons Impriſonment, as expreſſed in the Writ, was for Contempt of the Court, in not appearing.*

William Wright of *Godmancheſter*, for not paying ſmall Tythes, was cited to the Biſhops Court, where he gave

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his Appearance, and took a Copy of the Libel against him, and tendred his Answer in Writing, under his Hand and Seal; but because he could not Swear to it, they would not receive it, but admonished him once, twice and thrice, and then proceeded to Excommunication.

Kent.

The 1st Moneth, 1679.

THOMAS *Clarenbole* of *Deale* in the said County, Imprisoned the 6th of the 11th Moneth, 1675. by a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*; prosecuted by *John Marsh* of *Okeham*, Warden, for not paying 3 *s.* 3 *d.* towards the Repair of the Church, so called.

William Gibbon cited to the Bishops Court, for not paying small Tythes; and for a pretended Contempt in not appearing, he was Excommunicated; which being certified to the Justice, a Warrant was granted to commit him to Prison, though he was a poor Aged Man, and his Wife Blind: He hath remained a Prisoner several Years.

Richard Perry of *Chartham*, in the said County, the 1st of the 12th Moneth, 1675. was taken at the Suit of Doctor *Parker*, Arch-Deacon, and Imprisoned by a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for denying to pay 3 *s.* 4 *d.* towards Repair of the Church (so called.)

Alice Smith and *John Smith* her Son, Imprisoned in the Goal in *Dunstones* near *Canterbury*, about the 8th Moneth, 1678. upon a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not paying Tythes to Priest *Allen* of *Crondall*.

Liecester-

Lieceſterſhire.

The 9th Moneth, 1680.

Daniel Fox of *Thruſſington*, in the ſaid County, Mercer, Impriſoned upon a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not going to Church, ſo called, and hath been a Priſoner four Years.

John Wilsford of *Fenny Stanton* in *Huntingtonſhire*, Woolcomber, being taken two Weeks before his Removal from *Netherbroughton*, now forty Miles from his Family, having three Children, and impriſoned by a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not going to the Pariſh Church (ſo called) and hath remained a Priſoner four Years.

Samuel Browne of *Lieceſter*, Apothecary, Impriſoned by a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not going to the Pariſh Church (ſo called) and hath remained a Priſoner above four Years.

John Eliot of *Norkilworth*, Husbandman, Impriſoned by a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not going to Church (ſo called) & hath remained a Priſoner above four Years, from his Family, having four ſmall Children.

John Johnſon of *Norkilworth*, Shepherd, Impriſoned by a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not going to the Pariſh Church (ſo called) and hath been a Priſoner near four Years, from his Family, ~~having three ſmall Children~~.

Thomas Daſh of *Hinckley*, Labouring-man, Aged Sixty Three Years, and hath an Aged Wife and four Children to maintain, Impriſoned by the ſaid Writ, *De Excommu-*

nicato Capiendo, for not going to Church (ſo called) and hath been a Priſoner above four Years.

The 1ſt Moneth, 1679.

William Parker of *Long Clawſon*, in the ſaid County, Carpenter, Excommunicated for not paying Tythes to *J. Ray* Prieſt of *Clawſon*, and certified to a Juſtice, and by him committed by Mittimus, by the Statute of the 27 *Hen.* 8. and hath remained a Priſoner above Four Years.

John Marriot of *Long Clawſon* aforeſaid, Joyner, impriſoned at the Suit of the ſaid *J. Ray*, for Tythes, and being certified to a Juſtice that he was Excommunicated, he was by Mittimus committed upon the Statute of the 27 *Hen.* 8. and hath remained a Priſoner above four Years.

Thomas Fellows of *Whetſtone* in the ſaid County, Husband-man, committed by Mittimus on the ſame Statute, at the Suit of *Thomas Robinſon* Prieſt of *Whetſtone*, for Non-payment of Tythes, and hath remained a Priſoner about four Years.

Lincolnſhire.

The 22d of the 12th Moneth, 1678.

William Edlinton of *Crayes Loon*, in *Hackſey* Pariſh, Impriſoned in *Lincoln Caſtle*, in the 3d Moneth, 1674. by a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not paying Tythes to *Edward Coggin* and *Tho. Painter*, Impropriators.

Robert Berryer of *Croole* Pariſh, Impriſoned in the ſame Goal, in the 5th Moneth, 1674. by a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, at the Suit of the ſaid *Edward Coggin* and *Thomas Painter* for Tythes.

James

James Dixon of *Croole*, Impriſoned the 4th day of the 9th Moneth, 1674. by a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, at the ſuit of *Samuel Aſhbourn*, Prieſt of the ſame Pariſh, for Non-payment of Tythe.

John Baldock of *Waneſleet*, impriſon'd the 18 of the 11 Moneth, 1675. by a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not paying to the Repair of the Church (ſo called) proſecuted by *Adlord Thorp* and *Adlord Sandome*, *John Chambers*, Bailiff, and *Thomas Organner*, Parritor.

William Browne of *Belton*, Impriſoned the 13th day of the 1ſt Moneth, 1676. by a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not paying to the Repair of the Church (ſo called) proſecuted by *Robert Barnard*, *James Turr*, Wardens of the Pariſh.

Robert Maw of *Belton*, aforeſaid, Impriſoned the 13th day of the 1ſt Moneth, 1676. for not paying to the Repair of the Church (ſo called) proſecuted by *Robert Barnard* and *James Turr* aforeſaid.

The 4th Moneth, 1679.

Thomas Cutforth of *Epworth*, in the Iſle of *Hackſey*, in the County aforeſaid, was Impriſoned the 16th day of the 7th Moneth, 1679. by a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, at the Suit of *Richard Herrin*, Prieſt of *Hackſay*, for Non-Payment Tythes.

John Hopkinſon of *Weſton*, ſued by *John Cock* and *George Woodriff*, for not paying to the Repair of the Church (ſo called) and impriſoned upon a VVrit of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, the 6th day of the 3d Moneth, 1680. and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Jonah Titmus of *Maulton*, Impriſoned the 22d day of the 3d Moneth, 1680. by a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not paying to the Repair of the Church (ſo called) proſecuted at the Suit of *Cock* and *Woodriff*, Wardens.

John

John Aystrope Imprisoned in the Castle of *Lincoln* upon a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, and still remains a Prisoner, 1680. The Cause of his Imprisoment not signified.

Lancashire.

The 5th Moneth, 1678.

Thomas Skerray of *Wrea*, Husbandman, and *Agnes Skerray*, of the same place, Widdow, both Imprisoned upon a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, at the suit of the Lord *Morley* of *Hornby*, for Tythes, and still remain Prisoners, 1680.

Nottinghamshire.

The 9th of the 3d Moneth, 1679.

Leonard Marshall and his Mother, and *Hugh Mostin*, all Imprisoned in the 8th Moneth, 1678. upon Writs of *Excommunicato Capiendo* in the County *Goal* in *Nottingham*; the cause, for not going to the Church, so called.

Jonathan Reckless of *Nottingham* Imprisoned (by a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*) in the County-Goal, because he refused to hire the Priest of the Parish to Marry him for Money.

Norfolk.

The 1st Moneth, 1679.

John Hart, *Nathanial Bacon*, *Henry Pedd*, *John Norris* and *William Barber*, all Imprisoned upon Writs of *Excom-*

Excommunicato Capiendo, for a Contempt (as is ſignified in the Writ) for not appearing, &c. and ſtill remain Priſoners.

Thomas Foſter of *Mulberton*, Impriſoned the 15th day of the 1ſt Moneth, 1679. at the Suit of *Danial Scargill*, Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh, and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

John Spoil of *Mulberton* aforeſaid, Impriſoned the 15th day of the 1ſt Moneth, 1679. at the Suit of *Daneil Scargill* aforeſaid, upon a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Suſſex.

The 20th of the 12th Moneth, 1678.

John Ellis, *Thomas Moſely* and *Mary Akehurſt*, a Widdow that hath five Children, Impriſoned by the Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*; proſecuted by *William Snatt*, Prieſt of three Pariſhes, in and near *Lewis*, for not paying him ſmall Tythes, they were firſt committed to *Horſham* Goal, which was about the beginning of Winter, 1677. and ſince were by *William Peck*, Merchant in *Lewis*, removed, in favour to them, to the Kings Bench, where they ſtill remain Priſoners.

Surrey.

The 15th of th 12th Moneth, 1678.

Thomas Seaman of *Shire* Impriſoned upon a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not going to hear Common

Common Prayer, and hath remained a Priſoner about two Years.

Francis Jones of *Oakeing* in the ſaid County, Husbandman, for not paying ſmall Tythes, Impriſoned upon a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, and hath been a Priſoner two Years and upwards, about twenty Miles from his Family.

The 17th of the 9th Moneth, 1680.

John Otter of *Magdalens Bermundſey*, in the County of *Surrey*, Cordwinder, Impriſoned in the County Goal, the 5th Moneth, 1677. by the Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not anſwering upon Oath, in the Court of the Biſhop of *Winton*, being Sued for not paying to the Repair of the Church (ſo called) by *George Nutkins*, *William Browne*, *John Arnold* and *Richard Bugin*, VVardens and Over-ſeers of the Pariſh aforeſaid, and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Griffith Jones of the ſame Pariſh, Wine-Cooper, Impriſoned the ſame time. by the Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for the ſame Cauſe, at the ſame mens Suit, and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

John Tarmton of the ſame Pariſh, Cordwinder, Impriſoned at the ſame mens Suit, about the ſame time, by a VVrit of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, for the ſame cauſe, and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

John Potter of the ſame Pariſh, Cordwinder; *Joſeph Rowbones* of the ſame Pariſh, Bricklayer; *Henry Day* of the ſame Pariſh, Taylor; *John Farmer* of the ſame Pariſh, Carpenter; *Edmund Curle* of the ſame Pariſh, Turner; *Thomas Life* of the ſame Pariſh, Salter; *Samuel Marting* of the ſame Pariſh, Ceeſe-monger; all Impriſoned about the 5th Moneth, 1677. upon Writs of *Excommunicato*

communicato Capiendo, at the Suit of the ſaid *George Nutkins*, *William Browne*, *John Arnold* and *Richard Burgin*, Wardens of the Pariſh of *Magdalens Bermondſey* aforeſaid, for not putting in their Anſwer upon Oath; being alſo proſecuted for not paying to the Repair of the Church (ſo called) ſtill remain Priſoners, except two that are Dead.

Samuel Jobſon of *Bermondſey* Pariſh aforeſaid, Fellmonger, Impriſoned the 30th day of the 10th Moneth, 1679. upon a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, for the ſame cauſe; proſecuted by *William Browne*, *John Arnold*, *Richard Burgin* and *George Nutkins*, and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Suffolk.

The 25th of the 12th Moneth, 1678.

John Manning and *William Falkner*, both of *Alborrough*, committed to the County Goal in *Ipſwich* the 2d day of the 11th Moneth, 1675. proſecuted by the Wardens of the ſame Town, and Impriſoned by the Writ *de Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not going to divine Service (ſo called) and ſtill remain Priſoners.

Samuel Freeman of *Shottly*, Impriſoned the 7th day of the 2d Moneth, 1676. by the Writ *de Excommunicato Capiendo*, at the ſuit of *William Markſey*, Prieſt of the ſame Town, for a ſmall value of Tythes, and ſtill remains a cloſe Priſoner.

Note, Thomas Watſon, *Keeper of the Goal, hath been very cruel to* John Manning *and* William Falkner,

and caſt them twice into the bottom amongſt Felons, where they remained above Twenty Weeks; and the laſt time he cauſed one of the Felons to be chained Night and Day in a long Chain, which reached over the Room, on purpoſe to annoy the Room with his Filthineſs and Excrements, and would not ſuffer them to have ſo much as a Stool, Chair or Stone to ſit on; and they have been kept ſeveral Years cloſe Priſoners, Eighteen Miles diſtant from their Wives and Families.

Benjamin Reeve of *Debenham* committed to the ſame Goal the 9th day of the 2d Moneth, 1677. by a Writ *de Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not paying *Auguſtine Coſliar* and *Thomas Pells*, Wardens, 4 *s.* 6 *d.* towards the the Repair of the Church (ſo called) and is ſtill kept cloſe Priſoner.

Martha Glanfield of *Halkſted*, Widdow, committed to the ſame Goal, the 26th day of the 12th Moneth, 1678. by a Writ *de Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not going to Church (ſo called) and is ſtill kept cloſe Priſoner.

George Deane of *Arington* committed to Priſon the 15th day of the 11th Moneth, 1678. by a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, proſecuted by *Robert Man* of the ſame Town, Warden, for the ſame cauſe.

George Driver of *Clapton*, committed to Priſon in *Ipſwich*, the 21ſt day of the 11th Moneth, 1678. by a Writ *de Excommunicato Capiendo*; proſecuted by the Wardens of the ſame Town, for the ſame cauſe, and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

William Feddeman committed to the ſame Goal, the 7th day of the 12th Moneth, 1678. upon a Writ, *de Excommunicato Capiendo*; proſecuted in the Biſhops Court by *Robert Cook*, Warden of *Ellens* Pariſh in *Ipſwich*, and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

In

In Bury *Goal.*

John Downham of *Aſſington*, Impriſoned by a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not paying Tythes to Prieſt *Garwood* of *Weſtington*; hath been a Priſoner almoſt five Years.

William Scarce of *Northam*, Impriſoned the 28th day of the 6th Moneth, 1675. by the Writ *de Excommunicato Capiendo*, being proſecuted for not being legally marryed to his Wife; notwithſtanding it hath been made appear ſince to the Chancellor of the Biſhops Court, under the Hands of the Prieſt that marryed them, and other Witneſſes, and that before he was called a *Quaker*, *That he was Marryed according to the Manner of the Church of* England: He hath remained a Priſoner more then three Years, and ſo ſtill remains.

Edmund Hawkings of *Boxford*, Impriſoned in the 1ſt Moneth, 1677. by a Writ *de Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not paying Tythes to Prieſt *Bromwell* of *Penſtead*.

Robert Prick of *Bury*, Impriſoned by a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not paying Eaſter-Reckonings, and a Rate towards Repair of the Church (ſo called) He hath been a Priſoner Forty Weeks, and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Somerſetſhire.

The 9th Moneth, 1680.

John Denny of *Weſton Zayland*, a poor Labourer, was the 10th Moneth, 1674. Impriſoned upon a Writ

de Excommunicato Capiendo, for not paying ſmall Tythes to Sir *William Powell*, Impropriator, the value of Tythes being about 9 *d.* for three Year.

Jeremiah Powell of *Michael Creech*, committed to Priſon the 11th Moneth, 1674. upon a Writ *de Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not paying Tythes.

John Wride, *John Brice* and *Robert Tuton* of *Burnham*, Impriſoned in the 2d Moneth, 1675. by Mittimus upon the Statute of the 27 *Hen.* 8. *C.* 20. for a contempt in the Biſhops Court, as alledged, for not appearing upon a citation at the ſuit of *Robert Collier*, Prieſt of *Chard*, who lives there, and yet demands the Tythes of *Burnham* alſo: It is for ſmall Tythes.

Note, *This was done upon a bare Citation, for not appearing, without any other Proceedings, Decree or Sentence; and the words are Conjunctively in the Statute; and* John Wride *one of the three, not cited at all.*

John Parſons of *Middlezoy*, Impriſoned in the 9th Moneth, 1675. upon a Writ *de Excommunicato Capiendo*, at the Suit of *William Powell*, Impropriator, in a caſe of with-holding Tythes; upon which he was removed to *London*, and remanded at the Charge of the Sheriff.

John Chappel of *World* Impriſoned the 11th Moneth, 1675, upon a Writ *de Excommunicato Capiendo*, at the Suit of *Samuel Willan*, Prieſt of *Weſton* and *Comſtock*, for not paying Tythes to the value of about fourteen Groats, at the Prieſt's rate.

Edward Silcocks of *Weſton-ſuper-Mary*, a poor man, and Labourer, brought to the Goal in the ſecond Moneth, 1675. upon a Writ *de Excommunicato Capiendo* for ſome ſmall Tythes of Fiſh, which came to about 10 *s.* for five Years.

Years, at the Suit of *Samuel Willan*, Prieſt, who is an envious Perſecuting Proud man.

Thomas Powell of *Greenton* Impriſoned the 5th Moneth 1676. upon a Writ *de Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not anſwering upon Oath to the Articles and Poſitions of *William Powell* Impropriator, in a Caſe of Tythes; the value at the utmoſt, for ſix Years ſtint of Meadow, 6 s. 9 d. and for nine Cocks of Barley, worth about 3 s. 4 d.

Henry Gundry of *Streat* impriſoned the 11th Day of the 7th Moneth, 1678. by Warrant from *Robert Hunt* and *Henry Ball*, (two called Juſtices) upon Letters Teſtimonial from *Peter* Biſhop of *Bathe* and *Wells*, as alledged for not appearing before his Lordſhip, or his Official; the Mittimus expreſſeth in a caſe of with-holding Tythes from *Joſeph Glanvile* Prieſt of *Streat* and *Walton*, who proſecutes the Suit, and yet by Violence, without Law, takes what he or his Servants pleaſes for Tythes; and now Impriſons the ſaid *Henry Gundry* alſo, under pretence of Contumacy in not appearing; when in truth he did appear, and on the day whereon the Contempt was returned, was ready to appear again, but was hindred by an accident of Fire about half an Hour, the which they ſtrickly took the advantage of.

Edmund Chappel the younger of *World*, Impriſoned the 27th of the 7th Moneth, 1678. upon a Writ *de Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not anſwering upon Oath in the Biſhops Court of *Bathe* and *Wells* to certain Articles, exhibited by *Samuel willan* Prieſt of *Kewſtock* and *Weſton*, for the Tythes of Paſture-Ground, to the value of Ten Groats, after the Prieſts rate.

☞ And to add to the Bonds of *John Wriden*, *John Brice*, *Robert Turton*, *John Chappell* and *Edward Silcocks*,

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Five of the aforesaid Prisoners, *Peter* Bishop of *Bathe* and *Wells*, by the promotion of some others of the Clergy, threatned the Keepers of the Goal at the Assizes held at *Wells*, 1678. and there inforced the said Keepers to give him a Bond in a Hundred Pounds penalty, to be Forfeited, if they should let any or either of the said Prisoners have any Liberty; Such a President as the like was never read or heard, and is without question contrary to all Law, Justice, Religion and Reason.

William Beaton and *John Allen* Imprisoned the 26th Day of the 4th Moneth, 1679. Imprisoned upon a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not receiving the *Eucharist*, as alledged in the Warrant, and still remain Prisoners.

Stafford.

The 24th of the 1st Month, 1679.

PEter Littleton of *Stafford* committed to Prison the 17th Day of the 8th Moneth, 1675. upon a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, at the Suit of *Thomas Fletcher* Priest of *Haughton*, for Non-payment of Tythes, and remained a Prisoner till Summer Assizes, and then was set at Liberty by the Act of Pardon and Indemnity; but in the latter end of the same Moneth he was again committed by Mittimus (upon the Statute of the 27 *Hen.* 8.) under the Hands and Seals of *John Martin*, Mayor of *Stafford*, and *Francis Mos* Justice, at the Suit of the said *Tho. Fletcher*, who granted their Warrant upon a Significavit or Certificate from the Bishop of *Lichfield*, that the said *Peter Littleton* was Excommunicated, &c.

&c. And this Priest has been so Cruel to him, that though the said *Peter* was very Sick of a Feaver, and more likely to dye then to live, (four Men dying out of the same Room in about two Weeks time) yet he would let him have no Liberty: But through God's Mercy (who is good to all that depend upon him) his Life was preserved.

Sallop.

The 9th Moneth, 1680.

Thomas Palmer of the Parish of *Stoteston*, in the said County, for not going to Church (so called) Imprisoned upon a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, the 20th Day of the 6th Moneth, 1677. by *John Osland* and *Owen Roberts* Bailiffs, prosecuted in the Bishops Court at *Ludlow*; To which Court most of his Servants and Labourers were also cited, who being poor, and to avoid Expence, gave no appearance, for which they were Excommunicated, which brought such Fear and Disturbance upon them, that the aforesaid *Thomas Palmer* lost his Harvest for want of Work-men, he being himself in Goal and absent.

Warwickshire.

John Marshall of *Ipsley*, in the said County, in the Year 1678. dyed, and having one Child he made a Will, and made *John Marshall* of *Southwark*, in the County

County of *Surry*, Executors; the aforeſaid *John Marſhall* of *Ipſley* being in his Life-time Excommunicated in the Biſhop of *Worceſters* Court, for not paying three Shillings and ſix Pence towards the Repair of the Church (ſo called) after his Death, *John Moore* and *William Miles* Wardens of the Pariſh of *Ipſley* aforeſaid, at whoſe Suit the ſaid *John Marſhall* was Excommunicated, got an Adminiſtration out of the Biſhop's Court for their pretended due of 3 *s.* 6 *d.* and charge of Court in Excommunicating of him, and taking advantage at the Executors being at ſuch a diſtance, they ſeized and took into their Poſſeſſion, and carried away a Mare worth four Pounds, and two two Years old Calves, and ſeized as much Hay as was worth 10 *l.* All for their pretended Debt of 3 *s.* 6 *d.* and Court charges.

Wiltsſhire.

Fiſherton Anger, *the* 2*d Day of the* 8*th Moneth*, 1680.

William Moxham of *Marden* in the ſaid County, Impriſoned in *Fiſherton Anger*, at the Suit of *William Gum*, Prieſt of *Marden*, for ſmall Tythes, *viz.* of Apples, Eggs, Calves and Piggs, as in the Libel was expreſſed, to which he would have put in his Anſwer, but it would not be received, becauſe he could not Swear to it, and thereupon was Excommunicated and Impriſoned, where he hath remained ſeveral Years, and ſtill remains a Priſoner: And though the ſaid *William Gum* hath had his Body in Priſon, he hath alſo taken his Goods away for his Tythes at the ſame time, at his will and pleaſure.

Richard

Richard Willard of *Alderbury*, in the ſaid County, Impriſoned upon a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not going to Church (ſo called) proſecuted by the Envy and Inſtigation of *John Foot* Prieſt of *Alderbury* aforeſaid, and ſome of the Officers of the Biſhop's Court, and hath remained in Priſon ſeveral Years, and ſtill continues a Priſoner.

George Harris of *New Sarum*, Impriſoned by a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not going to the Pariſh Worſhip, proſecuted in the Biſhops Court, and hath been a Priſoner ſeveral Years, and ſtill remains in Priſon.

Roger Wheeler of *Pottern*, a very poor Man, having little for himſelf, Wife and four Children, but what he laboured for with his Hands; becauſe he refuſed to receive the Sacrament, at the Inſtigation of *Richard Bowman* Prieſt of the Pariſh, and others, was preſented and cited to the Biſhop's Court, where he appeared, and was willing and ready to give a Reaſon of his Faith; nevertheleſs they pretended a Contempt againſt him for not appearing, and caſt his Body into Priſon, where he hath been a Sufferer ſeveral Years, and ſo ſtill remains.

Ralph Wythers of *Biſhops Comings*, in the County aforeſaid, Impriſoned upon a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, proſecuted by ſome of the Officers of the Biſhop's Court, concerning his manner of Marriage, it being not according to the Ceremonies of the Church of *England*; the Prieſt of the Pariſh looſing the Money he uſually hath in ſuch caſes, which was the reaſon of the procedure againſt him, after he had remained in Priſon ſeveral Moneths, at the Requeſt of ſome of his Friends, a Releaſe was obtained; but the Envy of the Spiritual Court (ſo called) was ſo great againſt him, that they proſecuted him a freſh, and renewed their *Capias*

and for the same cause cast him into Prison again, his Wife being great with Child, was in a short time delivered; but her Husband's Sufferings caused such great Grief and Trouble to her, that she could not quit her self of it untill she died: And the said *Ralph Wythers* still remains a close Prisoner.

Westmoreland.

The 12th Moneth, 1678.

THomas *Moore* of *Newbiggin*, and *Dorothy Middleton* of *Lupton*, Imprisoned in *Appleby* Goal, upon Writs of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not paying *Easter*-Reckonings and *Midsummer*-Dues, &c. at the Suit of *Henry Hoyle* Priest of *Kirby Lambsdale*; and have been Prisoners two Years, though the Prosecutor is dead.

Worcestershire.

The 20th of the 8th Moneth, 1680.

WIlliam *Parr* of *Shipston* in the said County, for not going to Church (so called) and not appearing at Doctor *Crouches* Court at *Treddington*, Imprisoned upon a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, and hath remained a Prisoner two Years and a half; and so still remains.

Yorkshire

Yorkſhire.

The 1ſt of the 3d Moneth, 1678.

Joſhua Smith for refuſing to take the Oath of Church-Warden (ſo called) Impriſoned upon the Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, where he yet remains, having been a Priſoner ever ſince the 13th of the 9th Moneth, 1673.

John Moreley preſented as Warden, and for not appearing in the Biſhops Court to Citation, was impriſoned upon a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, the 18th Day of the 10th Moneth, 1677. and ſtill remains.

Nicholas Row ſued for ſmall Tythes in the Biſhop's Court, and Excommunicated; and upon Certificate thereof committed by a Juſtices Warrant, upon the 27 *Hen.* 8. the 8th Moneth, 1674.

Chriſtopher Walkington committed to Priſon, upon Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, the 8th of the 11th Moneth, 1674. for not appearing, *&c.* to anſwer for not paying to the Repair of the Church (ſo called.)

Joſeph Travis Impriſoned by a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not appearing, and not paying to the Repair of the Church (ſo called) committed the 20th of the 11th Moneth, 1674.

Peter Simpſon Impriſoned upon the Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, in the 12th Moneth, 1674. for not giving his anſwer to a Libel upon Oath.

Matthew Wildman, for not appearing to Citation ſued for ſmall Tythes, was by the ſame Writ committed the 11th day of the 3d Moneth, 1675. where he ſtill remains.

Thomas Appleton Impriſoned the 4th day of the 5th Moneth, 1675. by a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not going to Church (ſo called) where he ſtill Remains.

Richard Carr committed to Priſon, the 21ſt day of the 6th Moneth, 1675. by the Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for the ſame cauſe.

Honora Skipwith committed the 28th day of the 7th Moneth, 1675. by the Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for the ſame cauſe, and not appearing at the Biſhops Court.

John Lightfoot committed to Priſon, the 28th day of the 7th Moneth, 1675. for not going to Church (ſo called) by a Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Edward Evans committed to Priſon the 28th day of the 6th Moneth, 1675. by a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not appearing in the Biſhops Court, where he yet remains.

Thomas Milton committed to Priſon the 26th of the 8th Moneth, 1675. by an *Excommunicato Capiendo* Writ, for not going to Church (ſo called) where he yet Remains.

Edward Gower, Aged about ſixty Years, for the ſame cauſe was committed, the 11th day of the 5th Moneth, 1675. by Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, and ſtill Remains a Priſoner.

John Lickas for the ſame cauſe committed to Priſon, the 21ſt of the 10th Moneth, 1675. by Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, where he yet remains.

William Keddy for the ſame Cauſe committed to Priſon, the 2d day of the 11th Moneth, 1675. by Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, where he yet remains.

Richard

Richard Hancock preſented for not paying to the Repair of the Church (ſo called) & for not appearing, committed to Priſon, the 5th of the 11th Moneth, 1675. by Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

William Blaſſom preſented for the ſame cauſe, and for not appearing, proſecuted and impriſoned upon a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, the 5th of the 11th Moneth, 1675. and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Thomas Bellamy for the ſame cauſe, Impriſoned upon a Wit of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, the 5th of the 11th Moneth, 1675. and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Thomas Jarret for not going to Church (ſo called) was committed the 26th of the 12th Moneth, 1675. by Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, and yet remains a Priſoner.

Thomas Wilkinſon Impriſoned by Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, the 8th day of the 2d Moneth, 1676. at the Suit of *Leonard Burton* for ſmall Tythes, and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Thomas Salkell and *Francis Lund*, committed at the ſame Perſons Suit, for the ſame cauſe, at the ſame time, by the Writ aforeſaid.

Iſabel Milner committed to Priſon, for not conforming and not going to Church (ſo called) by VVrit of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, the 6th of the 10th Moneth 1676. and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Joſeph Denton for the ſame cauſe committed to Priſon, the 15th of the 11th Moneth, 1676. where he yet remains.

Thomas Thompſon for not paying to the Repaire of the Church (ſo called) impriſoned by Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, the 23d of the 3d Moneth, 1677. where he ſtill remains.

Michael

Michael Simpſon committed by a Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, the 23d of the 3d Moneth, 1677. for not appearing at the Biſhops Court, where he ſtill remains.

Thomas Gargil for the ſame cauſe Impriſoned the 24th of the 3d Moneth, 1677. by a Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, where he ſtill remains.

David Nuthrown for the ſame cauſe was committed by Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, the 18th day of the 12th moneth, 1676.

James Conyers for the ſame cauſe impriſoned by the ſame Writ, the 21ſt of the 1ſt moneth, 1676. where he ſtill remains.

Michael Todd for the ſame cauſe, impriſoned by Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, where he ſtill remains.

John Hunter, a poor decreped Man, that taught Children for a livelihood; becauſe he could not conform to take Licence to teach School, was Excommunicated by the Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, committed to Priſon the 2d of the 6th Moneth, 1677. ſince dead.

Chriſtopher Stockton ſued in the Biſhop's Court at *York*, 1674. by one *Thomas Flathar* Prieſt; and for not giving in an Anſwer to the Prieſt's Libel; was Excommunicated, which was certified to a Juſtice, who upon the Statute of the 27 *Hen.* 8. was committed to Priſon the 31ſt of the 9th Moneth, 1674. and the next Aſſizes upon a motion of the Illegality of the ſaid Warrant or Mittimus was releaſed, but was ſhortly after again committed upon the Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, at the Suit of the ſame man, for the ſame cauſe, the 31ſt of the 11th moneth, 1677. and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Jarvaice Key ſued in the Biſhops Court at *York*, in the Year 1675. by *Joſeph Briggs*, Prieſt, and by Mittimus committed

committed to Priſon the 8th day of the 5th moneth, 1675. upon the Statute of the 27 *Hen.* 8. And there continued till the Aſſizes in 1677. and upon motion before the Judge of Aſſize, of the Illegallity of the Warrant, by which he was commited, he was releaſed: Nevertheleſs the Prieſt began again with him in the Biſhops Court, and he was again committed, the 28th day of the 9th moneth, 1677. where he ſtill remains.

Robert Trot proſecuted in the Biſhops Court, for non-payment of Tythes, and for not appearing, was Excommunicated and committed by Mittimus upon the Statute aforeſaid, the 6th day of the 8th moneth, 1677. where he yet remains.

John Dickenſon committed by the ſame Warrant, at the ſame time, and for the ſame cauſe, where he ſtill remains.

John Loggins, for not giving his anſwer to the Libel upon Oath, was by Juſtices Warrant committed the 29th of the 8th moneth, 1677. and yet remains Priſoner.

John Todd ſued for Tythes of Bees and Honey, and nothing elſe declared againſt him in the Libel; yet becauſe he could not Swear to his Anſwer was Excommunicated, though he had neither Bees, Honey nor Wax, and was committed to Priſon by a Juſtices Warrant, the 22d day of the 2d moneth, 1678. where he now lies proſecuted by *John Burton* Prieſt.

William Hudſon committed to Priſon by Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, to the City Goal in *York*, for not paying to the Repair of the Church (ſo called) the 8th day of the 11th moneth, 1673. where he yet remains.

Anthony Wells of *Hull* committed to *Hull* Goal, upon a Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for Non-conformity, where

where he hath long lain in Priſon, and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

In Richmond *Goal*, 1678.

Richard Robinſon of *Counterſett*, in the ſaid County, impriſoned upon a Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, the 4th of the 11th Moneth, 1678. for not paying to the Repair of the Church (ſo called) and ſtill remains.

John Fothergill of the ſame place, for the ſame cauſe, committed alſo the 4th day of the 11th Moneth, 1678. and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Chriſtopher Routh of *Hawes* committed the ſame time, by the ſame Writ, for pretended Fornication with her that is now his Wife, before Marriage, and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Stephen Winn and *Robert Gildart*, both of *Carlton* in *Coverdale*, both impriſoned in *Richmond*, upon Writs of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, the 15th day of the 1ſt moneth, 1679. for not going to the Church (ſo called) and not receiving the Sacrament, and ſtill remain Priſoners.

George Wilſon of *Reinbald Kirk*, Impriſoned in *Richmond*, by a Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, the 10th day of the 11th moneth, 1679. for a contempt to the Biſhop's Court in not appearing, &c.

Robert Cutter of *Kerby Ravenſworth*, Yeamon, Excommunicated for a contempt, in not appearing at the Biſhops Court, &c. and committed by the Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, the 3d day of the moneth, called *March*, 1679. and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

William Harlin Sledman, *Edward Mounder* Joyner, *Judith Bond* Widdow; all of *Kingſon* upon *Hull* Impriſoned

priſoned in the ſaid Town, by a Juſtices Warrant, it being certified by the Biſhop of *York*, that they were Excommunicated, for not paying Tythes to *Nicholas Anderſon*, Prieſt; the Warrant dated the 1ſt day of *April*, 1678. and they ſtill remain Priſoners.

John Normable of *Lockington*, for not paying ſmall Tythes to *John Willy*, was Excommunicated, and upon certificate thereof to the Juſtices, he was ſent to the Goal at *York*, the 5th Moneth, 1678. by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of two of them, and there ſtill remains.

Chriſtopher Hutton committed to Priſon by Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, the 23d of the 5th Moneth, called *July*, 1678. for a Contempt in not appearing (as alledged in the Warrant) at the Biſhops Court, and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Joſeph Wytherill Impriſoned the 27th day of the Moneth called *July*, 1678. for not paying to the Repair of the Church (ſo called) committed by Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Leonard Petfield Impriſoned by Writ *de Excommunicato Capiendo*, the 20th day of *September*, 1678. for not receiving the Sacrament, and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Anthony Carr and *Richard Woodmanſey*, proſecuted and impriſoned by Writs of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, 1678. for pretended Clandeſtine Marriages.

Benjamin Brook of *Aughton*, for not paying Tythes to *William Richardſon*, was impriſoned in the 8th Moneth, 1678. by a Mittimus under two Juſtices Hands and Seals, and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Peter Scaife of *Pontefract* in the ſaid County, for not paying Tythes to *Jane Drake*, Widdow, Impriſoned about the 1ſt Moneth, called *March*, 1679. by Warrant

from two Juſtices, being firſt certified to them, that he was Excommunicated, and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

William Harland Impriſoned upon a Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for a contempt, as ſignified in the Warrant, by which he was committed the 22th day of the 6th Moneth, called *Auguſt*, 1679. and ſtill remains a Priſoner

William Padley of *Northcave*, proſecuted and impriſoned for not appearing in the Biſhops Court, at the ſuit of *Thomas Forger*, Prieſt of *Northcave* aforeſaid, being for the ſame Excommunicated and certified to two Juſtices, who committed him upon the Statute of the 27 *Hen.* 8. and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Richard Purſglove, Impriſoned upon a VVrit *de Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not going to Church, ſo called, 1678. and ſtill remains a Priſoner.

Briſtol.

The 8th Moneth, 1680.

Richard Vickris, *Edward Erbery*, *William Hill* and *Paul Moone*, now impriſoned in *Briſtol*, committed upon Writs of *Excommunicato Capiendo*. Alſo, there are above 20 more in the ſaid City, Men of conſiderable Trade and Buſineſs, that ſtand Excommunicated, and threatned to have proceſs taken out againſt them this *Michaelmas* Term.

Pembrookeſhire.

The 23d of the 3d Moneth, 1678.

Edward Lord, *John Burge* and *Thomas Kent*, all Impriſoned upon VVrits of *Excommunicato Capiendo*; the crime

Crime pretended, for not paying a ſmall Rate towards the Repair of the Church (ſo called) and have been Priſoners two Years, and ſo ſtill remain.

Leiceſterſhire.

HEnry Browne of *Nether Broughton* in the ſaid County, Yeoman, proſecuted in the Biſhops Court, and a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo* being obtained againſt him, although he did not keep from Home, or keep Houſe to prevent his being apprehended, yet the Sheriff returned a *Non eſt inventus*, upon which he was fined 10 *l.* and had his Goods diſtrained by *George Parker* and *Henry Bumns*, Bailiffs.

Richard Chamberlain of *Kilby* in the ſame County, upon the ſame account, had three Horſes taken from him, worth 10 *l.*

Theſe Accounts before given of the Sufferers, are but a few in Compariſon to the many that have been proſecuted and impriſoned upon the aforeſaid Writs of Excommunicato Capiendo, *within the laſt twenty Years.*

And further note, That moſt of the aforeſaid Accounts were drawn up and intended to be delivered to the laſt Parliament (had they not been ſuddainly Diſſolved) ſo that it being ſome time ſince, there may be ſome Alteration, ſome may be Releaſed by Death, and ſome otherwiſe; and others may be impriſoned upon the ſame Account: But at the time of the Date placed on the top of the County, they continued all Priſoners. And the Proſecutions againſt us in the Biſhops Courts have been more eagerly carried on for theſe two or three Years laſt paſt, than heretofore. In ſome Counties there are very

few of our Friends, but what are Excommunicated, *whereby they are debarred from receiving the Benefit of the Law, in Suing for their just Rights, or being Evidence for others, to recover theirs.*

An Account of ſuch of the People called QUAKERS, who have Dyed Priſoners, being committed by Writs of *Excommunicato Capiendo*: Alſo, the Cauſe of their Commitment; and Time how long they ſuffer'd before they Dyed, briefly ſignified as followeth.

Devonſhire.

Jonathan Collier of *Culleton Rawleigh* in the ſaid County, Impriſoned in *Stoak Cannon*, the 30th day of the 5th Moneth, 1669. by the Writ, *De Excommunicato Capiendo* proſecuted by *John Pope* and *William Tricky*, Wardens of *Culleton*, for not going to Church (ſo called) and for not paying to the Repair of the ſame; he remained a Priſoner until the 15th Day of the 1ſt Moneth, 1670. and then finiſhed his Teſtimony by Death.

Thomas Burgan of *Artaſton*, Taylor, was Impriſoned by a Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not going to the Church (ſo called) and for a Contempt of the Biſhops Court, in not appearing, proſecuted by *Richard Creſſen*, Prieſt, and *Andrew Slathen*, Warden of *Artaſton*; the ſaid *Thomas Burgan* was brought to Priſon, to the Sheriffs Ward in *Thomas Pariſh* in *Exon*, the 9th day of the

2d

3d Moneth, 1676. and was continued a Priſoner until he dyed, which was on the 19th day of the 4th Moneth following.

William Woolcott of *Bridford* Pariſh, Weaver, a Labouring man, having a Wife and two ſmall Children, and their Dependencies was on the Labour of his Hands, was preſented to the Biſhops Court, through the Inſtigation of *Bernard Gillard*, Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh, ſtirring up his Pariſhioners, and gathering Money to pay the Charge of a Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, to impriſon him for having Meetings at his Houſe, and for not conforming, by which Writ he was apprehended and ſent to Priſon; and after a long time lying in Priſon, being a very poor man, the Keeper took pity on him, and let him have liberty to go forth to Work; but the Biſhops Officers hearing of it, threatned the Keeper to have him fined and put out of his place: whereupon this poor man was kept from working, and was forced to be Relieved by his Friends, his Wife being a ſikly Woman, and in a Diſtreſſed Condition, he was continued a Priſoner till the 27th day of the 3d moneth, 1676. and then departed this Life.

Witneſs,
John Gannicliffe and *Robert Welch*.

Hampſhire.

THomas *Penford* a poor Blackſmith, having a Wife and three Children, Impriſoned in the common Goal in *Winton* the 3d day of the 8th Moneth, 1664. by a Writ *de Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not paying 3*d*. towards the Repair of the Church (ſo called) and for

no

no other cauſe; after he had remained in Priſon three Years and a half, he dyed a faithful Witneſs for the Lord, againſt ſuch Oppreſſion.

Norfolk.

John Norris Impriſoned in *Norwich* Caſtle upon the Writ *de Excommunicato Capiendo*, and there detained until he dyed.

Mary Mawley of *Nortwell*, Widdow, committed Priſoner to *Norwich* Caſtle for the Tythe of a Gooſe, by Prieſt *Mingly*, then Prieſt of the ſaid Town, who kept her a Priſoner in *Norwich* Caſtle until ſhe dyed there.

Oxfordſhire.

Thomas Reines of *Great Tue*, Impriſoned upon a Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, being proſecuted in the Biſhops Court at *Oxford*, in the 12th Moneth, 1664. And after he had remained ſix Years and a half in Priſon, he laid down the Body: And notwithſtanding he was in Priſon, the Prieſt of the Pariſh ſtill proſecuted him for Tythes, and took away two Horſes from him for the ſame, worth ſix Pounds.

Somerſetſhire.

William Rent of *Purlock*, for Conſcientiouſly refuſing to go to Church (ſo called) and conform to hear Common-Prayer, was Excommunicated at the Biſhop's Court at *Wells*, at the Suit, and by the promotion of *Hammet ward*, Prieſt of *Purlock*, called *Doctor*

Doctor in Divinity, and by a Writ *de Excommunicato Capiendo* was taken upon the Firſt day of the Week, by *Edward Stout* and *Robert Helbourn* Deputy Bailiffs; And on the 26th day of the 1ſt moneth, 1667. was had to *Ilcheſter* Goal, where he continued untill the 1ſt day of the 11th moneth, 1670. and then finiſhed his Teſtimony by Death.

Lucy Travers an antient Widdow, the 25th day of the 1ſt moneth, 1674. dyed, being proſecuted to Death, for 2 d. offering Money, by Prieſt *Kittley* of *Queen Camell*.

Surrey.

Henry Day, of the Pariſh of *Magdalens Bermondſey*, in the County aforeſaid, Taylor, impriſoned in the County Goal upon a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, proſecuted by *George Nuttkins*, *William Brown*, *John Arnold* and *Richard Burgin*, Wardens and Overſeers of the ſaid Pariſh, for not paying towards the Repair of the Church (ſo called) after he had lain ſome time in Priſon, fell Sick and dyed, the 20th day of the 7th Moneth, 1677. a Priſoner for the Teſtimony of a good Conſcience.

John Farmer of the ſame Pariſh, Carpenter, Impriſoned by the ſame Writ, at the ſame time, and for the ſame cauſe, proſecuted at the ſame mens Suit, remained a Priſoner untill he died, which was the 12th Day of the 9th Moneth, 1680.

Worceſterſhire.

John Jenkins of *Cliſton* in the ſaid County, Impriſoned upon a Writ *de Excommunicato Capiendo*, dyed a Priſoner about nine Years ſince.

Wra-

Warwickshire.

Peter Buckſon committed Priſoner to the County Goal, by a VVrit of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, after two Years Impriſonment died a Priſoner.

Yorkſhire.

John Green Impriſoned upon a VVrit of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not going to Church (ſo called) and not receiving the Sacrament, dyed a *Priſoner* the 12th day of the 5th Moneth, 1676.

Nicholas Raw ſued in the Biſhops Court for not paying Tythes, and Excommunicated, and upon Certificate thereof to two Juſtices, was by Mittimus committed to priſon in the 8th moneth, 1674. and there continued a *Priſoner* untill he dyed, which was the 11th of the 12th moneth, 1678.

Beſides theſe before expreſſed, many more have dyed Priſoners, committed by Proceſs out of the Biſhops Courts, which we have not received an Account of.

Cornwall.

Dyed Priſoners, proſecuted upon Writs of Excommunicato Capiendo, 1680.

EDward Anger of *Minſter* Pariſh, Impriſoned the 17th of the 3d Moneth, 1675. (by *John Auſtis* proſecuted, being Regiſter of the Arch-Deacons Court) becauſe for Conſcience ſake he could not pay towards the Repair of the Church (ſo called) and dyed a Priſoner the 9th day of the 4th Moneth, 1676.

Thomas Doeble Impriſoned for the ſame cauſe, by a Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, at the Suit of the ſaid *John Auſtis*, the 7th Moneth, 1676. and dyed a Priſoner in the 11th Moneth, 1677.

Remain Priſoners in Cornwall.

Nicholas Ewett, of the Pariſh of *Endellion*, for not going to Church (ſo called) Impriſoned, being proſecuted by the ſaid *John Auſtis*; committed to the Sheriffs Priſon, the 27th of the 5th Moneth, 1676. and remains a Priſoner.

William Oliver, of the Pariſh of *Hilary*, Impriſoned by the ſaid *John Auſtis*, for not going to the Church (ſo called) the 2d day of the 2d Moneth, 1677. and remains a Priſoner.

William Way, of the Pariſh of *Breage*, Impriſoned upon a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not receiving the Sacrament, proſecuted by the ſaid *John Auſtis*, the 18th of the 11th Moneth, 1678. and remains a Priſoner.

Lancaſhire.

1680.

Thomas Creshie and *Joshua Creshie* of *Ormskirk*, were both taken the 12th day of the 1ſt Moneth, 1678. by *William Leadbeater* Parrator, and *Daniel Travis* Bailiff, both of *Ormskirk*, who brought them, the ſaid *Thomas* and *Joshua*, to *Lancaſter* the day following, where they both ſtill remain Priſoners upon a Writ of *Excommunicato Capiendo*, proſecuted by *John Charley* Attorney at Law, and now Mayor of *Liverpole*.

Now you that are Wiſe and Unbyaſſed Men in Authority, who are not deſtitute of Humanity, judge how theſe Coercive and Diſtructive proceedings of the Clergy, can conſiſt with a Chriſtian *Spirit or Goſpel Perſwaſion.*

THE END.